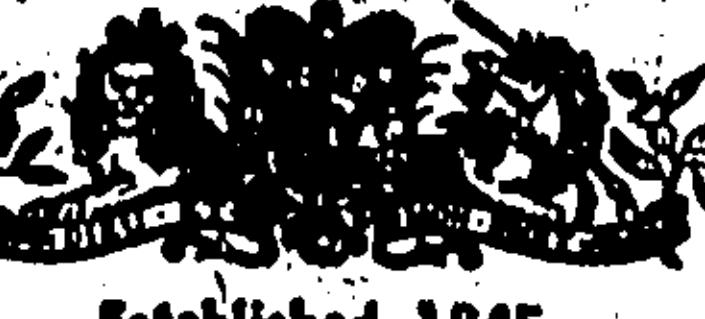


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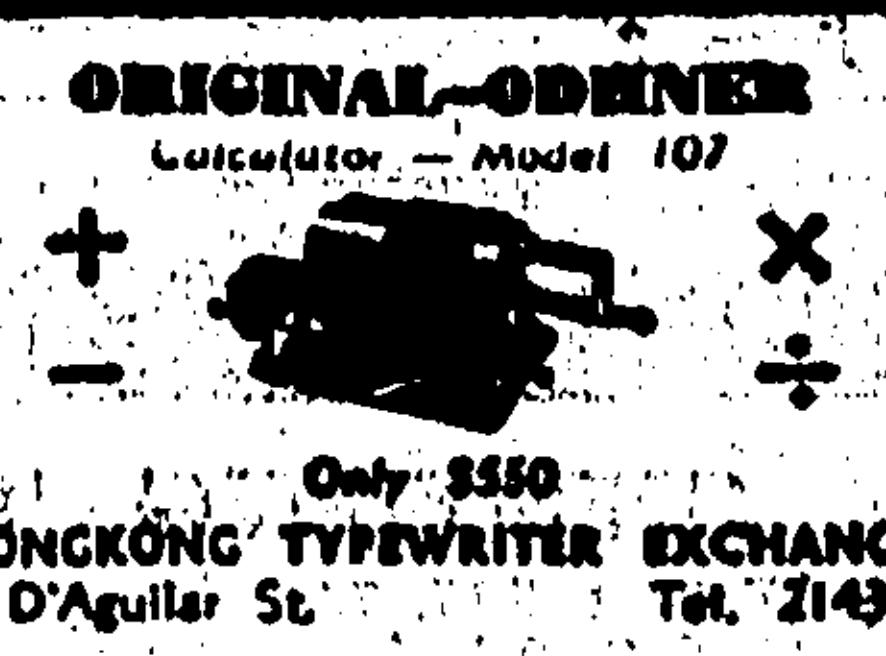


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HK At The BIF

OUR London correspondent's report on the first day's business at the Hongkong BIF stand made pleasant reading. We hope, however, that he has not painted a picture of hues too rosy. Undoubtedly our exhibitors have learnt many lessons during the last six years, and determined efforts have been made to apply correctives and eliminate shortcomings. The two most glaring mistakes four years ago were the overloading of a small stand with inferior quality goods and the inability of exhibitors to make firm quotations to enquiring buyers. Judging from our correspondent's report there still appears to be room for improvement in the presentation of Hongkong's manufactures at the Fair, although this too needs to be related to the fact that whereas most of the other Commonwealth stands strive only to be decorative, "Hongkong is there to sell." But by far the most significant improvement in the Colony's exhibition is in the quality of the commodities on display. It has, perhaps, taken rather longer than necessary for our manufacturers to appreciate the vital importance of offering high-grade quality goods, and to shake off the tendency to believe that so long as an article is priced cheaply it will naturally find a ready market. Now this has been done, the Colony has discovered that it can compete in world markets; can attract buyers from the United States, Britain, South Africa, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Italy and India, to name only some of the countries which displayed interest in Hongkong products on the first day of this year's BIF.

IT is to be trusted (we may even go so far as to say assumed) that our exhibitors are also in the position to make available price lists to enquirers. Nothing is more calculated to lose potential business at a trade fair than exhibitors being unable to make firm quotations when they are sought. And in the case of Hongkong this is particularly important because, as it has been emphasised, the Colony is exhibiting at Earl's Court for a reason more fundamental than prestige—it urgently needs and is seeking expanded exports of its own manufactures. Thus merely to boast an attractive looking stand is not sufficient; our exhibitors require to be in a position where they can answer any questions about prices, quantities, qualities and delivery dates, and willing and able to accept orders on the spot. It is noted with satisfaction that a wide range of new products are on show for the first time, and that all of them have won approval for their high quality. Therein lies the secret of successful exhibiting. And if too, the separate display of Hongkong knitted gloves does anything to put a stop to the calumnies which have been directed in Britain against these manufacturers, it will have amply served its purpose. The 1954 BIF, so far as Hongkong is concerned, has got off to a good start. There is, evidently, a sufficiency of workers on the stand (which has not always been the case in past years); the goods on show are attractive; they boast quality and good finish; and they are being offered at competitive prices. With all these favourable influences, there is good reason to believe that the Colony's exhibitors will enjoy their most successful year since Hongkong was first represented at the British Industries Fair in 1948.

Defenders Of Dien Bien Phu Reach Their Last Resources

DESPERATE HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING

General Assault Awaited

Hanoi, May 4. Recklessly-attacking Communist soldiers drove a battering ram toward the vitals of Dien Bien Phu today despite a bulldog French counter-attack in a nightmare scene of slithery mud and torrential rain.

Rebel Vietminh battalions — outnumbering the defenders 10 to 1 — seized one more strong point on the westerly face of the stricken fortress. They already held three others taken in weekend attacks.

The garrison lashed back with a heroic bayonet charge. But after hours of ferocious hand-to-hand combat, the High Command announced the counter-attack failed.

Authoritative reports meanwhile said American planes would airlift another French battalion 8,500 miles this week from France to Indo-China to help stem the worsening Red threat.

The abortive French counter-attack was swamped under a hail of automatic weapons fire which the Reds rushed up to their new position.

Casualties were described as heavy on both sides.

The French were crippled by lack of aviation. Thus there was no air umbrella for the defenders, floundering in a sea of slinking mud and ceaselessly churned into a maelstrom by shellfire and pelting tropical rainstorms.

REBEL LOSSES

The French Command believed today's attack, which started at 2 a.m. local time in a moonless night, was preparatory to a new general assault. After 53 days of almost constant battle which has pushed the garrison to the limits of human endurance, it might prove to be the fort's final agony, observers added.

THE DANGER

The danger of today's Vietminh stab was that the lost position commands a clear field of fire on the southern end of Dien Bien Phu's wrecked air strip which is the only unobstructed French-occupied area to receive parachuted troops and essential supplies.

The rebels have already mounted a searchlight on the north side of the drop zone to spot nighttime supply planes.

The position, a tangle of barbed wire, minnows, log blockhouses and zig-zagging trenches, also looks down on the command post of Brig.-Gen. Christian de Castries, the steel-mesh garrison commander.

Without fresh supplies, he has only three days' ammunition to stand against a full-fledged Communist general assault, officers said.

Major J. Rousset, French military intelligence director at Saigon, said he believed the position's fate would be settled "one way or another" sometime this week.

The Dien Bien Phu battlefield, the Command said, now resembles that of the Argonne at its worst, during the first world war.

General de Castries, the fortress commander, in his daily radio message to his wife in Hanoi, last night asked for a pair of Wellington boots to be dropped by parachute. —Reuter.

Strikes In The Argentine

Buenos Aires, May 4. Spreading wildcat strikes crippled several industries and services today.

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Into Action At Besieged Fortress



Here is action in the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu. Two soldiers inside the French perimeter dash out of their fox-hole for another position. The situation at Dien Bien Phu is grave, and it is feared the fortress may fall to the Vietminh rebels by the end of this week. —London Express.

Collaborated With Chinese Reds

Ten Years For US Soldier

Washington, May 4.

An American court martial today imposed a sentence of 10 years' hard labour with dishonourable discharge from the Army on Corporal Edward S. Dickenson for collaborating with the Chinese Communists and informing on his comrades while a prisoner of war in Korea.

The discharge carries with it forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The case now goes to an Army board of review which is expected to complete its study of the record in about a month.

The verdict was returned by a board of eight high army officers who had deliberated 10½ hours believed to be the longest in military history.

The maximum sentence under such a charge is life imprisonment.

Dickenson, 23, was the first man to be tried under a new provision in the military code which makes it a crime to supply the enemy with information that leads to mistreatment of fellow prisoners of war.

He spent 2½ years in a Communist prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea. He was one of 23 prisoners of war who at first refused repatriation but he and another man later returned to the United States.

Reuter.

69 ABSOLVED

Washington, May 4. The American Air Force announced today that it had absolved of all charges 69 members of the Air Force who had been prisoners of war in Korea and who had accused of having collaborated with the enemy during their captivity.

Fourteen other airmen, non-commissioned officers and officers who were prisoners of war will be discharged as a result of their actions or attitudes in prisoner-of-war camps.

Nine of them had been accused of falsely having confessed to participation in bacteriological warfare.

The records of each of the 69

former prisoners of war had been studied by a commission of five general officers.

But He Wouldn't Say How

Geneva, May 4.

A Chinese Communist spokesman called tonight for improved diplomatic relations between Britain and China but when asked how this could be done he closed a press conference he was addressing without answering.

The spokesman said China "welcomed" Britain's recognition of the Peking Government.

Answering a question the spokesman said: "After the establishment of the People's Republic of China the United Kingdom recognised this state and we welcome this fact and step by the United Kingdom."

"After that, diplomatic relations between China and the United Kingdom failed to achieve any progress. This is not because of something on our part. This situation should be changed."

He was then asked "how." He closed the press conference without answering.

Britain is the only big Western power which recognises the Communist regime.

When pressed by journalists he repeatedly denied that Communist China had intervened in the Indo-China war.

"China has made no intervention of any kind in the Indo-China war," he said.

NOT CHINESE SLOGAN

He described as purely hypothetical a question asking if Communist China would regard it as an act of aggression if any French forces reached the China-Indo-China border.

The spokesman earlier said that Communist China had nothing to do with the slogan "Asia for the Asians."

He was commenting on today's speech at the Korea session of the Geneva conference by Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian External Affairs Minister.

The spokesman said: "Apparently this is a slogan of Mr. Pearson himself. It has nothing to do with us at all."

The Asian people demanded that the military forces end.

Forty Feared Dead In Mine Disaster

Home, May 4.

Forty miners are now reported to have lost their lives in the fire damp explosion in the Bells Rabbia Mine near Grosseto, today. Twenty-five were missing after the roll-call had been taken, and they are now thought to be entombed in the gallery where the explosion occurred. Little hope is held of recovering them alive, particularly since fire has been discovered to be razing in part of the gallery.

So far the number of known dead is fifteen. —France-Press.

Attack On HK Launch Sequel

London, May 5.

A Vietnamese journalist, who supports neither his own government, nor Ho Chi-minh's cabinet, last night began a 10-day fast here to "speed up the work of the Geneva conference."

The journalist, Vo Thanh Minh, has been given special permission to camp in the United Nations Park here. —France-Press.

REPORT DENIED

Cairo, May 4. The British military headquarters in the Middle East has denied that a British Major had been killed.

No mention was made of the former prisoner of war who had been killed in Egypt. —France-Press.

PARALYSING WESTERN DISUNITY

Two-Day Recess For Geneva Conference

Geneva, May 4.

The Far East conference, paralysed by Western disunity, voted itself a two-day recess tonight to give the Western nations a chance to line up their policy on both Korea and Indo-China peace plans.

Everything hung fire while the United States and its United Nations allies pressed the South Korean President Syngman Rhee's Government to agree to a compromise plan for all-Korean elections as one key towards unification.

Lacking Mr. Rhee's approval, the West's hands were tied and it was unable to put forward a plan of its own to replace the Communist-sponsored North Korean proposals for unification.

On Indo-China, the Western Allies searched vainly for a peace plan that would not involve partition or surrender to the Communists. Neither the United States nor Great Britain would take the lead and the French delegation awaited word from Paris.

The decision to recess for two days while the West mended its own fences was taken after the conference had heard a grim warning from Canada that failure to agree in Geneva might plunge the world into a new conflict that "would engulf and destroy us all."

It followed, too, an appeal from the Netherlands to put an end to futile name-calling and speeches and get down to real negotiating.

After seven plenary sessions and one secret meeting on Korea was completed.

IMMEDIATE

The Communist bloc has stood immovably behind the North Korean plan. The West has rejected this but so far not been able to put up its own.

Delayed a Western plan is the question whether free elections should be held only in North Korea or throughout the country. The South Korean Government thus far has refused to budge on its rejection of elections throughout the country which it feels would reflect on its own legality.

Rather than show up the West's disunity publicly, the United Nations have preferred to let the Korean debate drag on without any concrete proposals from their side while a nine-nation drafting committee tried to iron out their disagreements and the United States and others worked on the South Korean Government. —United Press.

The Radicals, supported by dissident Gaullists, apparently took the view that a debate now, despite its possible consequences for the Government, is preferable to waiting until the possible fall of Dien Bien Phu.

M. Laniel demanded the debate should be postponed until a more favourable moment and said the question of posting on confidence.

CABINET DECISION

The Radical demand, made during a brief debate on Indo-China in the Assembly tonight, caused a sudden adjournment. An emergency Cabinet meeting then authorised the Prime Minister to make the issue the subject of a vote of confidence.

All parties had earlier agreed to agree to a vote of confidence if this was not the moment for a general debate.

But when he asked for support for a motion that the debate be held "at the earliest possible moment compatible with the situation," a Radical spokesman asked for a debate on May 14. He insisted M. Laniel had agreed to this during behind-the-scenes talks.

Non-Radical Government leaders were trying to persuade the Radicals to withdraw their demand. —Reuter.

Canberra, May 4.

Australian officials said today six pistols and a powerful radio transmitter, found in the Molonglo River near here, may have been dumped by Soviet Embassy officials shortly before they left Australia last week.

The police said today that more articles may be buried in the river mud. The radio transmitter is capable of sending messages anywhere in the world, officials said. —United Press.

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RED CHINA ACCUSED OF DRUG PLOT

"They Are Trying To Demoralise The Free World"

New York, May 4. The United States delegate to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs claimed today that Communist China was "spreading narcotic addiction and obtaining funds for political purposes" through the sale of heroin and opium.

The delegate, Mr Harry Anslinger, said the United States was a target of Communist China in this scheme to obtain operating funds and, at the same time "spread the debauchery of narcotic addiction among the free nations."

Mr Anslinger said groups concerned in the trafficking were under the direction of the National Trading Company, which had headquarters in Peking.

"Members of the Communist regime undertake the management of those trading companies and other enterprises, including banks, which these companies control," he said.

Mr Anslinger alleged that "fanatical Communists, n.r. (traffickers) had cut off the ears of drug peddlers who had revealed the identity of the supplying group. Other peddlers had been taken into the Communist regime, where they were 'sealed off' and thereby silenced."

Powerful Chinese closely associated with "top-notch Communist agents" ecologically and commercially had amassed fortunes of tremendous magnitude even by Western standards by feeding gold and strategic materials into Communist China in return for heroin and opium.

Communist controlled trading companies in China and North Korea, Mr Anslinger alleged, insist that one quarter of all goods leaving North Korea for South Korea must be either heroin or opium.

FORMIDABLE PLOT

The Chinese Communists last year, in a "formidable and far-reaching plot to gain foreign exchange and at the same time to demoralise the people of the free world," exported more than US\$500,000,000 worth of opium, morphine and heroin, he said.

Even so, the shipments—amounting to more than 800 tons of dope—fell 20 per cent short of the target set by the Chinese Communist Government.

He said the Communist policy had "mushroomed the narcotic menace from Communist China into a multi-headed dragon threatening to mutilate and destroy whole segments of populations from whom the danger of addiction through ready availability of drugs had been removed during the past 40 years by the uncompromising work of the narcotic enforcement authorities in the free countries of the world."

"Until this Communist traffic in narcotics is dried up," he added, "agents of this menace wherever found must be apprehended and dealt with surely and severely as a means of bringing under control this unbridled monster."—Reuter and United Press.

Referring to the Geneva conference Mr Popovic said in Korea the truce must at least be preserved as a basis for further negotiations.

The Berlin Foreign Ministers conference had shown that the reunification of Germany in the near future was not possible. For that reason it would not be necessary any longer to keep the occupation regime in West Germany and she should be allowed to rearm.

He said it was essential for West Germany to enter the European Defence Community—and for France and West Germany to reach agreement Yugoslavia would take her place in a unified Europe based on mutual confidence capable of defending itself against aggression and of building and maintaining peace. —Reuter.

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Profile of A Hero



A new picture of a national hero—France's General de Gaulle, taken at his Headquarters in the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu. Not only in France, but in every country outside the Communist bloc, there is a surge of admiration for this leader and his magnificent garrison.—Express Photo.

Pope Resumes More Official Duties: Full Recovery Seen

Vatican City, May 4. Pope Pius XII presided today over a special meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites for the first time since his recent illness.

The last time the Pope attended such a ceremony was in December, when the Congregation approved the miracle attributed to the late Pope Pius XII on May 29, 1953.

Today's meeting was held on the second floor of the apostolic palace in the presence of nine Cardinals and members of the Congregation.

Before the meeting started the Cardinals, many of whom were talking to the Pope for the first time since his attack of gastritis which kept him in bed for well over a month, presented their compliments to the 78-year-old Pontiff and congratulated him on his rapid recovery.

During the meeting, the Congregation voted approval to three miracles necessary for the canonisation of three Italian Blessed—Giuseppe Pignatelli, Domenico Savio and Gaspare del Bufalo.

They will be canonised by Pope Pius XII in a solemn ceremony in St Peter's Basilica scheduled for June 18, 1954.

Before that canonisation, the Pope will elevate to the honour of the Altars the Blessed Pius X in an open-air ceremony in St Peter's Square on May 29.—United Press.

Strong Censure On Israel Demanded

New York, May 5. The Lebanon formally asked the United Nations Security Council last night to pass the "strongest censure" on Israel for an alleged attack on the Jordan village of Nahalul in March, when nine Jordanians were killed.

They announced last night they had appointed Mr G. H. R. Rogers to replace Mr Kenneth Robinson, and Mr Thomas Price to succeed Mr Charles Royle.

But they added that in view of a letter sent to the Chief Whip by Mr John Taylor (the third offender), his position would be reconsidered and meanwhile he would continue to act as Scottish Whip.—Reuter.

Six-Nation Parliament Plan Approved

Paris, May 4.

The Foreign Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries have agreed, in principle, to try to set up a six-nation parliament when the European Defence Community treaty has been ratified by all parties, the French Foreign Ministry announced last night.

The six nations would, after ratification of the treaty, take steps to set up a six-nation parliament elected by universal suffrage to replace the existing Assembly of the coal and steel authority.

It would be responsible to the Commissariat of the European Defence Community.

The announcement said it was not intended to alter the E.D.C. treaty in any way, and any decision to set up the six-nation parliament would have to be approved by the national parliaments of the six countries concerned.

Aim of the parliament would be to increase democratic control of existing or proposed supranational European institutions.

The agreement was seen here largely as a move to get the French Socialist Deputies, who have been demanding guarantees of effective democratic control for E.D.C., to vote for the treaty.—Reuter.

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Under The Influence Of Paint!

Auckland May 4. A Health Department medical officer of occupational health, Dr. F. H. King, said that it is impossible to distinguish clinically between intoxication by alcohol and intoxication by inhalation of benzene fumes.

He was giving evidence in a court case in which roofing contractor Percy Frederick Butler was exonerated from a charge of driving a car under the influence of drink.

Butler said he had drunk no alcohol that day but had been using paint heavily diluted with nail varnish. — China Mail Special.

Pro-Mossadegh Demonstration In Majlis

Tehran May 4. A pro-Mossadegh demonstration broke out in the Iranian Majlis today when a Deputy denounced the former Premier's methods in nationalising Iran's oil.

Eighty deputies drowned out Abol Hekmati and shouted slogans in support of Mossadegh in a clear indication that nationalisation of the country's oil was a measure that still has popularity.

Hekmati said that Mossadegh was a traitor for forcing the oil nationalisation bill through the Majlis (National Assembly) hastily.

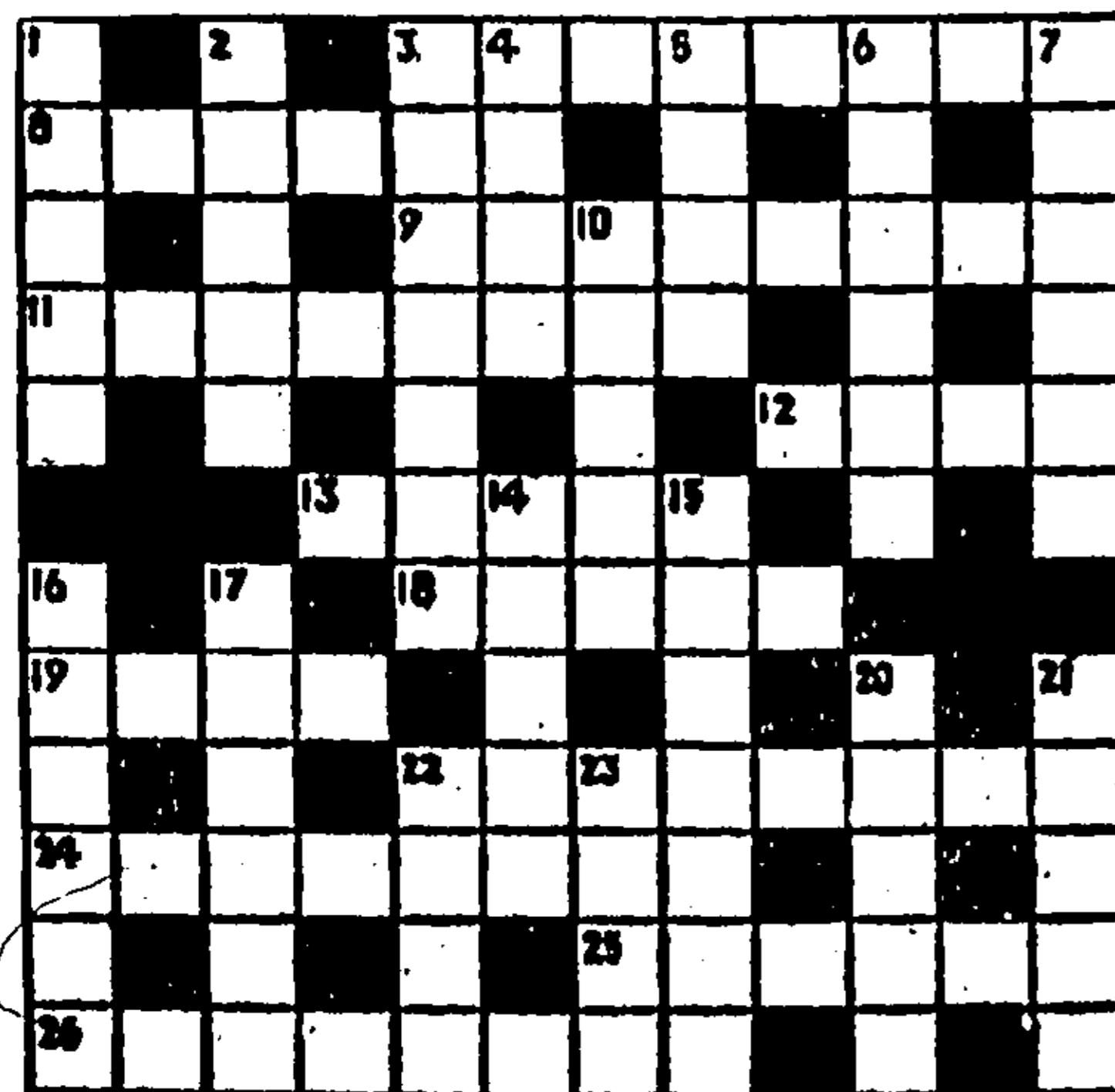
The 80 deputies raised a din of protest and demanded Hekmati's expulsion. Hekmati was unable to continue his speech. He walked back to his seat with the 80 deputies shouting after him.

The demonstration, the first of its kind in months, underlined the delicacy of talks now under way between the Iranian Government and representatives of a proposed international combine negotiating to restore Iran's oil production.

After Mossadegh nationalised the country's oil and expelled British oilmen from Abadan, Iran's oil production was stranded.

Premier Fazlollah Zahedi, who overthrew Mossadegh, is attempting to strike a settlement with the Western oil concerns that will restart oil production without encroaching on the nation's right to oil nationalisation. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Bunches (8).
8 Fit for consumption (8).
9 Alluring (8).
11 Livens (8).
12 Cut into cubes (4).
13 Headquarters (5).
18 Hed a meal (8).
19 Irritate (4).
22 Discouraging (8).
24 Virago (8).
25 Tried hard (9).
26 Without equal (8).

DOWN
1 Tree (5).
2 Courteous (6).
3 Freed from dirt (7).
4 Loaned (4).
5 Snow-shoes (4).
6 Sovereign remedy (6).
7 Dropped (6).
10 Part of a joint (6).
14 Longed for (6).
15 Occupiers (7).
16 Accident (6).
17 In short supply (6).
20 Of less importance (6).
21 Correspond (6).
22 Clock-face (4).
23 Fish (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 3 Afrons, 7 Err'd, 8 Orifices, 10 Centre, 13 Anthems, 15 Dame, 17 Inform, 18 Confuse, 20 Evot, 21 Serious, 26 Italian, 27 Suspense, 28 Freud, 29 Sedulous. Down: 1 Meets, 2 Grant, 3 Adore, 4 Rife, 5 Noddy, 6 System, 8 Remind, 11 Envoy, 12 Throb, 14 Envoy, 15 Cenot, 16 Minus, 18 Cenot, 19 Noted, 22 Reeds, 23 Old, 24 Shave, 25 Tote.

Backing For Canada's Warning On Increased Tension BRITAIN CONSIDERING FUTURE ACTION

Geneva, May 4. British Commonwealth and United States opinion today backed Canada's warning to the Communists that failure of the Indo-China peace talks might increase world tension and the risk of war.

The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, made the warning at today's plenary session of the 19-nation Geneva conference.

His reference to the possibility of collective Western action in the event of failure to end the Indo-China war also echoed Anglo-American determination to pursue the projected Southeast Asian alliance, diplomatic sources said.

It is believed also that, following Western consultations, Britain is now prepared to start discussions on its future policy towards Indo-China and Communist expansion in Southeast Asia as the trends of the conference emerge.

Differences between Britain and the United States over the timing of action in the area are now much narrower than they were 10 days ago following the British refusal to join the United States in sending bombers against the Vietnamese besieging Dien Bien Phu in Indo-China, it is understood.

The British refusal also held back the United States administration, which felt it needed Allied support to convince American opinion of the need for intervention.

This led to almost open resentment against the British in American circles.

The gap between the two views was then wide.

The United States wanted to act before the Geneva conference opened. The British were reluctant even to talk about common action until the result of the conference was known for fear of jeopardising the negotiations.

SAFEGUARD WEST

It is now understood that, following consultations between the Western powers and the Commonwealth nations, Britain is prepared to start discussions on post-conference policy as the trends of the conference emerge.

This would safeguard the West against being without a plan of action in the event of failure at Geneva. The consultations would include the probable shape of the collective defensive

NO CONCERNED POLICY

London, May 5. Hope that a clear American policy for Indo-China may result from the return of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, to Washington is being expressed in diplomatic quarters here.

With the Indo-China talks due to start in Geneva before the end of the week, opinion here is uncomfortably aware that the negotiating position of the Big Three Western powers is neither clear nor agreed.

The current question as seen from London is how the Big Three Western powers will approach the Geneva talks this week on the Indo-China question.

At this late stage the impression is that there is no concerned policy. The blame for this cannot be laid wholly at the door of the United States delegation.

Neither British nor French opinion has been explicit and consistent in its attitude to the possible partition of Indo-China. But uncertainty in London and Paris appears to have been greatly promoted by uncertainty about the standpoint in Washington.

Only the return to Washington of Mr. Dulles could offer the prospect of a crystallisation of American policy on the Indo-China question. It is felt in London.

And in its absence alignment of the views of the three Western powers on the Indo-China question made the Berlin conference a triumph of solidarity for the West. It is impossible to define.



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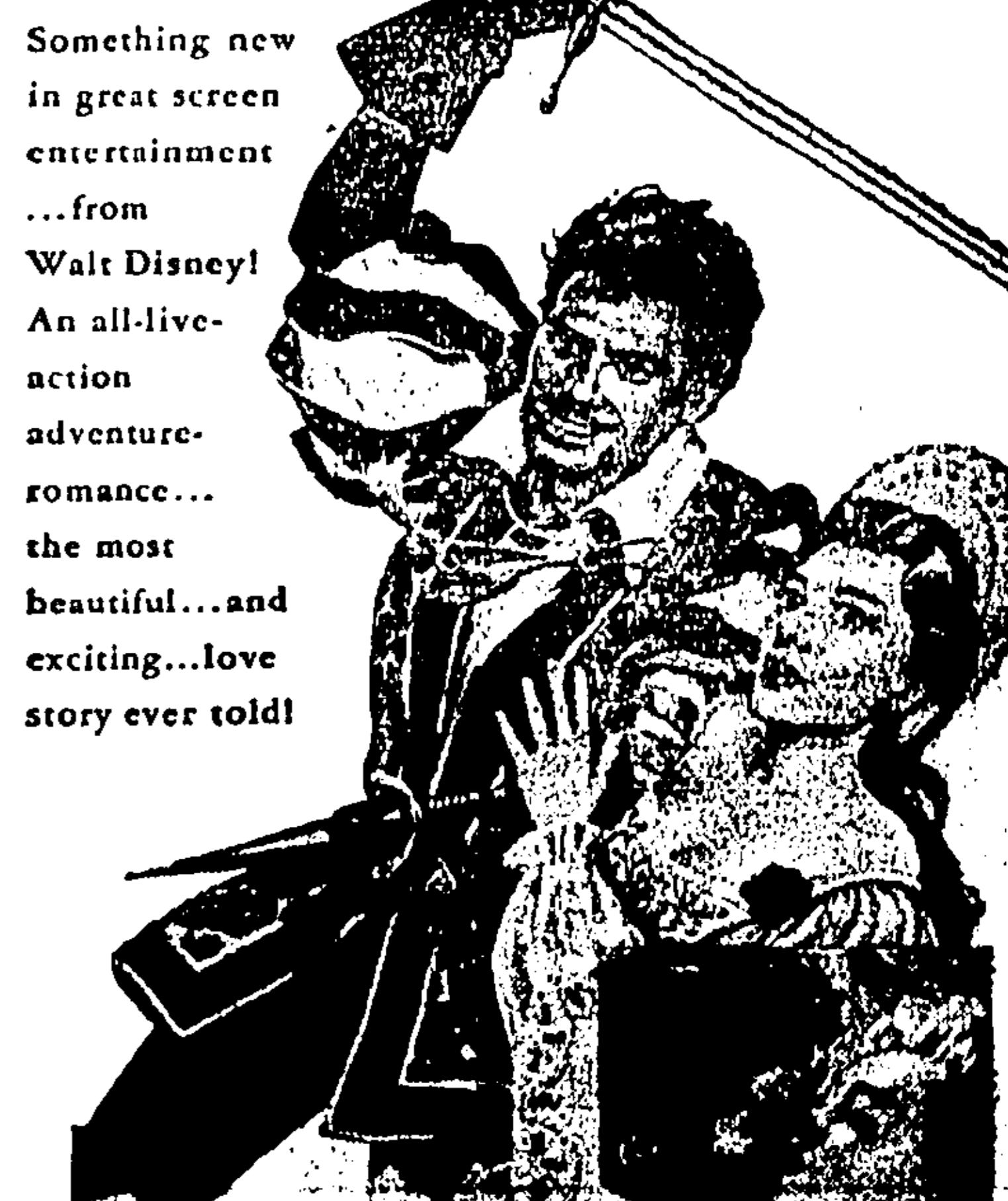
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Nathaniel Gubbins

THE woman who asked in a newspaper "When did you last surprise your husband?" is evidently not aware that most husbands are surprised almost every day.

For instance, a man can go off to his business in the morning, leaving a wife with mousy hair, and come back in the evening to find that her hair has gone.

Older men can kiss a white-haired wife goodbye and return to find that her hair has gone blue. If she also used the new blue lipstick he probably thinks she has suddenly developed a heart disease. If he is a nervous, morbid type he might even think she has gone bad.

Women who have revived the ancient cult of yoga, with variations, must also cause some surprises to tired business men. When you have had a troublesome day in town it must certainly be a surprise to come home and find your wife standing on her head in a corner, or lying upside down on a plank.

The Plucky Little Woman, who has endured life with me for so long, was at one time full of surprises.

There was the occasion when I came home to find her standing in front of an open window, pulling out her cheeks and going "Ah-a-a-a-a-a Pooh-o-o-o-o, ah-a-a-a-a-a pooh-o-o-o-o, ah-a-a-a-a-a pooh-o-o-o-o." She was taking deep breathing exercises.

On another occasion I found her lying prone on a sofa with what looked like a dreadful skin disease. Two wild blue eyes were staring at me from a face smothered in greasy, grey bumps. She was trying out the latest face pack.

She probably reserved her greatest surprise for the Church of England vicar of the Surrey village where we once lived.

One summer evening I met the vicar and took him home for a sherry. When we arrived the P.L.W. was lying face downwards, half-dressed, on the lawn, with her elbows resting in two halves of a lemon. She was also eating a cream bun with enormous enjoyment.

After a short conversation about church matters she said, rather surprisingly: "I'm Homan Hattie hitting hi hollows ith hemman house."

AWFIE'S COLUMN

Lord and Lady Gubbins was not what you might call real class because they never had proper dinners at the proper time and I often caught them cut eating poached eggs on toast in the kitchen. Also their silver wasn't real and as most of their ladies ad no ankles I often said to my husband I wonder if they're proper aristocracy or a couple of turisters.

I never knew what Lord Gubbins did for a living except that he was always sitting in his room full of newspapers and cigarette ends and cursing at a typewriter. I shall never forget the morning I was cleaning the passage outside when I heard the most awful language the other side of the door. When I opened the door to see what had appened Lord Gubbins was stampin about the

room, rippin sheets of paper out of the typewriter and tearin them to bits—all for me to clear up later. It was then that I decided to give notice to leave as I didn't think he was quite right in his head.

Later on I come to the conclusion that they was both barmy because when Lord Gubbins wasn't cursing his typewriter him and Lady Gubbins would ask me questions about me and my husband and what we done of an evennin and they would both roar with laughter like a couple of lunatics.

But if they was laughin at me they will be laughin the other side of their faces next week when I shall reveal that Lady Gubbins reads novels in bed and why Lord Gubbins as only two pairs of socks without holes in

Love Letter

DURING a discussion on Service Estimates in the House of Commons Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, M.P., recalling his wartime career in the Navy, said that some of his shipmates were so illiterate that he was obliged to write a love letter for one of them.

At the beginning of the Kaiser's war volunteer privates in the Army were not only illiterate but some of us were so good that we earned beer money writing for the newspapers, and gave our friends a wonderful time.

As the war dragged on and conscripts were called up the standard of education was not so high. It was then that I, like Mr. Mallalieu, became letter writer for a love-sick soldier who wanted to pour his heart out to a hideous girl (I saw her photograph) who was pinning him for somewhere in the Midlands.

Maybe I rather overdid it because I was anxious for her to think the letter was as only London can—she will not, this time, be coming 'home'. She will be coming back to her capital of London from her other capitals of Canberra, Wellington and Colombo.

As she herself proclaimed throughout her Commonwealth tour, the Queen is equally at home in every part of the Commonwealth. She did not go to Australia, New Zealand and Ceylon as the visiting Queen of the United Kingdom, but as their own Queen.

The theme that the Queen is equally Queen of each of her Commonwealth realms is not new; but it has been the Queen's historic achievement at the outset of her reign to give the idea new reality. Ever since the Statute of Westminster in 1926, the Crown has been, in theory, the equal possession of each Member of the Commonwealth.

Well, my queen, I am looking forward to some leave when I can hold you in my arms again, my queen, and hear your dear voice again, my queen. I was going to send you a present with my first money but they have stopped my pay for lost kit. Am also confined to barracks with pack drill for idleness on parade.

Well, my darling queen, must close now with love and kisses, my queen, from your loving Fred.

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THE CROWN OF THE COMMONWEALTH

By Patrick Gordon Walker, MP

WHEN the Queen sails up the Thames and London turns out to greet her—as only London can—she will not, this time, be coming 'home'. She will be coming back to her capital of London from her other capitals of Canberra, Wellington and Colombo.

George V was eager to visit the Commonwealth as the Queen is now doing. But his British Ministers dissuaded him on the ground that it would involve too long an absence of the Head of State from Britain. That was in 1912. It has taken 42 years, and to the present tour, for it to be recognised that the Queen is, in fact, equally Head of State of all her realms.

There is no symbol so potent as a real person who can be seen and cheered, loved and admired by tens of millions of people. A Queen who really understands and serves the new Commonwealth is worth ten times all the flags and constitutions in the world.

Living Symbol

The first reigning sovereign to set foot in Australia and New Zealand, she has made herself the living symbol of a Commonwealth that is a unity of separate and independent nations which were once part of an Empire.

This is so unique a conception that it is hard to

explain it even to the peoples of the Commonwealth. But, bringing life to the idea, the Queen has made it more true than this is roughly what I wrote:

My own darling Queen, Well, my queen, I am still thinking of you day and night like I always did since we first walked out, my queen.

Well, my queen, how are you? I am feeling awful. The food is awful and not fit for pigs and my boots hurt. One of the old soldiers here has pinched my socks and another has pinched my holdall full of new things such as razor, tooth-brush, etc. When I complained to the sergeant he said if I gave him 5s. it wouldn't happen again. After he had put the money in his pocket one of the old soldiers pinched me on the nose and pinched my spare shirt.

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That applies no less to the republics in the Commonwealth than to the countries who recognise the Queen as their own direct sovereign. Let us never forget that the Commonwealth today is one of realms and republics. We must not stress the Queen's special relationship to her realms so exclusively that we cast into the shade her relationship as Head of the Commonwealth to the

republics of the Commonwealth.

This link can be more than a legal formality; it, too, can be given new reality if, after visiting all her realms, the Queen were to journey to India and Pakistan as Head of the Commonwealth, as the living and personal symbol of their membership in a unique free association of sovereign states.

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We must, I think, take it for granted that the Queen will often be absent from the United Kingdom. I hope, therefore, that another proposal of mine will be accepted. This is that during her absences the Queen should be represented by a Governor-General in Britain just as she is in her other realms.

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SHOW OF FORCE AT GENEVA

By Vaughan Jones

IN other times, the world-wide publicity given the freedom flights of Red security official Vladimir Petrov in Australia and MVD agent Nikolai Khoklov in West Germany might have prejudiced the smooth running of the Geneva conference.

In today's diplomacy, where deadlock and abuse are commonplace, both East and West will frankly recognise that these defections from Communism indicate a further loosening of the one-time rigid Stalinist front.

On past experience, it is unlikely that the Red leaders will be the more embittered towards the West. Probably, their respect for the Democracies will be increased.

The Geneva talks, attended by nineteen nations, last three months, were originally designed to effect a lasting Korean peace.

Their secondary purpose was to halt the war in Indo-China, a purpose which has now become paramount.

MINIMUM DELAY

The meeting differs from the recent Berlin conference in that, at Berlin, neither East nor West seemed genuinely prepared to carry out one of their avowed aims—to unite Germany.

At Geneva, the West at least is anxious for a Far East settlement with the minimum of delay.

The subjects under debate are symbolic. Underlying them is a single issue—whether or not the Communist world will continue to launch attacks at one point or another round its periphery.

The West's leaders know that their arguments, unless backed by strength, will be fruitless. Further, they realise the Communists will be more conciliatory if they suspect weaknesses within the Red front.

New Reality

On the other hand, they are constitutionally different from all the other republics in the world. Like Burma or Ireland, which left the Commonwealth, they are sovereign republics; but, unlike them, and in mark of their Commonwealth membership, they recognise the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth. This is the common legal link between them and the other Commonwealth countries.

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More Vivid

Such a step would symbolise the very point the Queen herself has emphasised during her tour—the equality of all her peoples. It would also establish the Crown more vividly for the people of Britain during the Queen's prolonged absences if she were represented by a person, such as the Queen Mother, rather than by an impersonal entity, such as a Council of Regency, which no one can see.

The Queen's Commonwealth journey will be regarded by historians as a turning point in the long evolution of the British monarchy. It can be compared with the tour on which William the Conqueror, first truly national King of England, (who's his crown?) in the great centres of his new realm.

So, to sum up, the Queen has made the Crown for the first time a truly Commonwealth crown.

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Here's Idea Worth Keeping in Mind

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you are a declarer, it's very dangerous to lead a suit that dummy can ruff. If declarer is also void of the suit, he will discard while dummy ruffs. This ruff-and-discard usually gives declarer a trick that he couldn't get for himself.

Since this principle is quite familiar to experienced players, it usually causes a stir when an expert deliberately gives declarer a ruff-and-discard and profits by it.

Today's hand, played at last year's national tournament in Dallas, caused a bigger stir than usual because the expert, Leonard B. Harmon, of New York, had to give declarer two ruff-and-discard plays in order to defeat the contract.

Harmon opened the ten of spades from the West hand. East won with the ace and returned the jack of spades. South naturally covered with the queen, and West won with the king.

At this point Harmon had two tricks and could confidently expect to win a third trick with the king of hearts. Where was the setting trick? East couldn't have the ace or king-queen of diamonds in view of South's strong bidding.

After some thought Harmon led a third spade, giving declarer



"Yoo-hoo! It's us again! I forgot my gloves!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A MAN in a restaurant has complained that when he eat what was sold to be roast beef he came to some queer sort of meat he had never seen before."

When he has been living all this time he has forgotten the old saying, "Cut the cattle and come to the horses!"

Snibbo will be there!

THOSE who still like television must be delighted to know that large sums of public advertising are to be imbedded in the programmes. But these advertisements are to be "predominantly light and will not affect quality." That will not rest those who dread "Gee, Ho, get a load of this! Snibbo Health-Pills, have a look at the label, it's to like something else to do like Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. The labours of the world's finest inventors have at last produced a product which will not only make you look good but every ill the flesh is ailment out, every ill the flesh is ailment out, every ill the flesh is ailment out!" By no means. A pip should be placed between first finger and thumb, but higher up than the other pipes. Then lean back and relax, allowing the skin of the fingers to breathe, as it were."

In passing

SOMEbody who has access to the minds of inventors probably disagrees with this, says that they get great fun out of jumping in the Grand National. Therefore it is obviously kindness to inventors to let them know what they long to do, and most unselfish of sportsmen to disguise their own reluctance to let the animals risk their lives. A letter to the paper would say that a rider breaks his leg he is not humanely shot—if he were, it would be the end of rugby football. And of leapfrog on slippery ground, sir.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

BORN today, you have one of those "mechanical brains"—are good at figures, quick to analyse facts and correlate them, and able to arrange your findings in a clear, lucid, brilliant manner from them. You have an inquiring nature from childhood, will want to know the "why and wherefore" of everything.

Your ambitions are high and will want to go far in your chosen field. You will be a good person of similar intellectual tastes. You do not make friends easily, but those who are finally accepted into your circle are true friends for life. Avoid a tendency to worry unnecessarily. Never cross bridges until you come to them. Try often to predict what will happen before the present and you will find that the future is likely to take care of itself. Use your imagination constructively.

Among those who were born on this date are: H. H. Brucker, historian; Gates, inventor and scientist; Karl Marx; Frederick A. P. Barnard, educator; Tyrone Power, actor, and Christopher Morley, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star from the correct birth-day paragraph. Let your birth-day star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Being sensible and doing no worrying about things that may never happen is the best possible advice.

SEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Diligence and patience on the job will pay you adequate dividends when the right time comes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Buy what is necessary and hunt for bargains. Your daily newspaper should have some good sales.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Don't lose any sleep over events, but if you can't do something about a problem, forget it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Routine may seem very dull at times, but there are many creative ways to play along toward success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Keep your own counsel and let the world take too much about future plans may defeat them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Be practical when attacking the over-all project. Test out the blue-prints first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you are the planning routine into your housework that hubby uses at the office!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—Better not use guess-work when it comes to important matters today. Be sure to be right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't impose on your friends any more than you would want them to impose on you. Friendship should be reciprocal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may find that an old friend is a source of real enjoyment just now.

DUMB-BELLS

I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY
NO! WE ONLY TRAVEL EXPENSIVELY



"WHAT'S HIS LINE?"

McMAMAMA

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON

YAP AND EBRAHIM SCORE MOST SPECTACULAR WIN OF THE EVENING

(By ARGONAUT)

P. V. Yap and M. A. Ebrahim of Craigengower Cricket Club stole the spotlight in the Colony Open Badminton Championship games at Craigengower last night with the most spectacular and thrilling win in the four-event programme.

Outplayed by their clubmates Jimmy Ku and Albert Tam in the first set, they were trailing 9-11 in the second set when they began their upward surge that enabled them to take the set by 17-16.

In a thrilling third set, the score was again deadlocked at 16-16 before a good smash by Yap which Tam woefully ended the set and match.

Nervous and excited the winners could do nothing right in the first set against the steady aggressive play of their opponents, who ran through with surprising ease to win by 15-4. Both Ku and Tam carried their supremacy into the second set. With strong smashes, driven and good net shots they jumped to a 0-1, 0-2 and 13-5, and 14-9.

Plagued by simple errors throughout the match so far, Yap came into his own at this point when the match seemed all over. Coming to the support of his more consistent partner, he made two brilliant smashes to enable Ebrahim to take the score to 16-14. A half-court drop by Tam to the service gave his side the service.

Two successive errors by Yap brought the score to 16-18, but in the ensuing rallies two good shots by Tam put the other side in again. Tam successfully rushed the first service but both he and Ku failed to reach a tricky net return by Ebrahim and conceded the set by 16-17.

BEST FORM

With both sides reaching their best form, the third set produced some thrilling rallies. The scores were even at 0-0, 0-8 and 0-9. Ku and Tam fought ahead to 12-10 and after being held to 12-12 came within touch of match-point at 14-12.

At this stage Tam took to the bad luck to put up his racket to what looked like an out shot and on their next services Yap and Ebrahim took the score to 16-14.

The losers made a strong rally to 16-16 when Tam left a good back-corner shot. The winners just made their match point on their second service with a fine smash from Yap to end a thrilling match.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby Saturday, 8th May, 1954.

Over 1,000,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 7th May, as follows:-

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4:00 p.m.

5 D'Aguilar Street, at 6:00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6:00 p.m.

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GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

Cockell's Ringside Cheer Will Be For Rocky Marciano On June 17

Don Cockell is to meet Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion of the world, in New York next June. Unfortunately the planned visit is semi-social and looks like being altogether too friendly.

But at least it shows that Cockell regards quite seriously his chance at getting a shot at Marciano's title before the year is out. Why else would he and his manager, John Simpson, contemplate the expense of two air fares out of their personal pockets?

Some of the sceptics, myself included, have expressed the opinion that the politics of American pugilism would never immediately to New York to offer cuts inspection, genuine encouragement and a personal challenge to the world champion.

Encouragement? Of course. On June 17, Marciano defends his title against Ezzard Charles, the not so young Negro from Cincinnati, and if Marciano fails to polish off Charles then Don Cockell will have to whistle for his world championship chance.

For in those circumstances, we should be regaled by a second instalment of Marciano v Charles next September—this being an unwritten part of the contract for June 17.

—London Express Service

Gavilan To Meet Saxton In Title Bout

Philadelphia, May 4. Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan and Johnny Saxton, fourth ranking contender, will meet in a title bout at Connie Mack stadium here during late June or early July, it was announced today.

Promoter Herman Taylor said he and the International Boxing Club will co-sponsor the event.

Taylor said the final details of the bout, including the date and ticket prices, will be announced within 10 days. No decision has been reached on television and radio broadcasts, he said, but if it is televised, the Philadelphia area will be blacked out.

The promoter said the fight will be held on the announced date, rain or shine. Although the fight is outdoors, a huge canvas canopy will be spread over the ring and all seating will be in the stands under cover. United Press

Home Cricket Games Off

London, May 4. No play was possible today in the following three matches owing to heavy overnight rain which saturated wickets. All were abandoned.

At Lords: MCC 103. Yorkshire 82 for two.

At Oxford: Oxford University 399 for nine declared. Gloucestershire to bat.

At Cambridge: Leicestershire 300 for four. Cambridge University to bat.

At Portsmouth: The two-day match between Hampshire and Sussex was abandoned as a draw owing to rain. Sussex 421 for six declared. Hampshire 211 for six (Rogers 81, Marshall 58). —Reuter.

Who is YOUR H.K. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR?

NEVER before has there been so much public interest in Hongkong soccer than during the season now ending. And never before has the Colony boasted so many talented players—players who have given tens of thousands of soccer "fans" clever and thrilling exhibitions of their prowess in this greatest of all local field sports.

The China Mail has, therefore, decided to organise among the followers and supporters of local soccer a Gallup Poll to determine, by popular vote,

Hongkong's Footballer of the Year.

China Mail readers are cordially invited to fill in the form below, nominating whom they regard as the Colony's outstanding footballer of the current season.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Entries will close on MUNDAY, MAY 10.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

Signed Club.

Record Scores In Dunlop Golf

Southport, May 4.

Antonio Corra, Argentina, and Bobby Locke, South Africa, returned record scores over different courses when the 2,000 guineas Dunlop 90 holes stroke golf tournament began here today.

Corra had a 66 on the easier Mexican course to lead the field there, and Locke scored a 70 on the more difficult Southport and Alnwick course to head the competitors who played today on that course.

Tomorrow, the competitors



For the second time this season we are delighted to welcome Craftsman Grant to the spot of honour in the Tommy Atkins Sports Parade. At Boundary Street on Sunday this young soldier turned in another magnificent performance in the 3 miles event in the Triangular Athletic Meeting.

Once again this young athlete ran with all the skill, determination and judgment of a veteran. He assessed the strength of the opposition with rare accuracy and his thrilling finish made him a clear and worthy winner from Chan King-yan of South China. The soldier returned a time of 17 mins. 3.2 seconds as against Chan's 17 mins. 5 secs.

With several athletic meetings still on the calendar it seems certain that we shall hear more about Grant and it would be a unique situation if his performances brought him back to complete a hat-trick of appearances at the top of the Sports Parade.

Judged by the overall opinions of astute observers it seems certain the general feeling is that the standard of play in the Colbeck Cup Final was disappointing. There is similarly no doubt that the R.A.C. side from Singapore was the better team and it was regrettable from a local interest point of view that the 32 Medium Regiment Royal Artillery never really struck the game that carried them to victory over their semi-final and final opponents in the Hongkong Competition.

It seemed that on this occasion they allowed themselves to be overcome by the importance of the game and after losing two rather soft goals they also lost their confidence.

The visitors tried hard to play good football all the time and their hard and fast tackling proved too much for the Gunners' courts.

The following are the results:

Mixed "B" Division
CRC beat KCC by 7-2; CRC beat Mrs. A. Liang and L. E. Stokes 6-0; best Mrs. E. Lew and D. Coffey 6-3; best Mrs. M. Flinch and A. V. White 6-3.

Mrs. Lo and C. Cheung beat Mrs. Liang and Stokes 6-1; best Mrs. Lew and Coffey 6-1; best Mrs. Flinch and White 6-1.

Mrs. G. Tong and S. N. To lost to Mrs. Liang and Stokes 7-5; lost to Mrs. Lew and Coffey 7-5; lost to CCC 2-1; lost to KCC 1-0; best Mrs. S. Chiu 1-0; lost to J. Hau and Mrs. S. Chiu 1-0; lost to L. E. Wade and Mrs. M. Yang 5-7; best Mrs. M. Pereira and Mrs. L. Liang 4-6; best Mrs. S. Souza and Mrs. S. Runjam 1-0; lost to Hau and Mrs. Chiu 1-0; lost to Wade and Mrs. Yang 1-0; lost to Pereira and Mrs. Souza 1-0; lost to Pereira and Mrs. Souza 1-0.

Men's "D" Division
SCAA beat CCC 1-0; best C. E. Wong 6-1; best Y. Y. Chung and F. Abbas 6-1; best C. K. Chen and C. S. Lee 6-0; best C. K. Chen and C. S. Lee 6-0; best Chung and Abbas 6-0; best Chung and Lee 6-0.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

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MAGIC HE LEARNED TO FIT HIS

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MONEY—"

"OR TO PLAY UNPLEASANT TRICKS

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"HE'D FILCHED SOMEPLACE—"

"WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?

"NEVER MIND—"

"HE WAS GIVING THE COLLEGE

MAGIC

One Hundred Years Of Banking In The Far East

A Review Of Sir Compton Mackenzie's "Realms Of Silver", Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd. 25/-

Quite apart from wars, revolutions, earthquakes, typhoons, tidal waves, plagues, famines and economic slumps and recessions of varying degrees which have shaken the Far East in the last 100 years, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China suffered an acid rain and, at one time, almost crippling旱灾 in its early years.

The competition from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Bank of China, the Chartered Bank and the Bank of Communications, all of whom had been instrumental in getting the Chinese to accept the Bank's business, was a distinct disadvantage.

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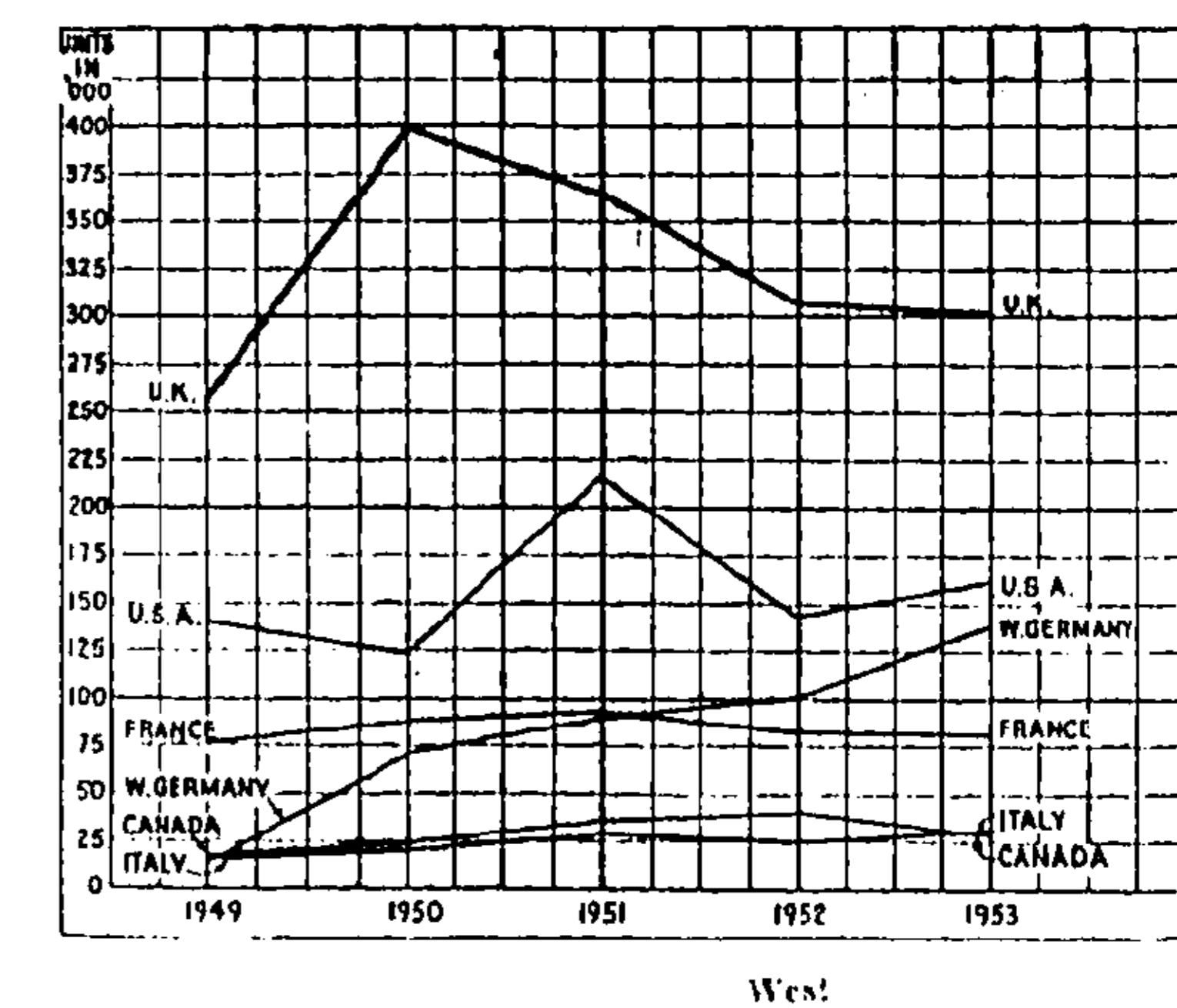
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BRITAIN IS MAKING ONE CAR EVERY 11 SECONDS

CAR EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS

1949 - 1953



Industry's Output Rate Jumps In March EXPORTS HIGHER

NEW YORK
STOCK
MARKET

New York, May 4.

A strong rail group sus-

tained the stock market

advance today, contributing

heavily to the total gain of

nearly \$1,000,000,000 in

the value of all listed stocks.

At any rate, the British dollar

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The rate of British car output in March

dwarfed all previous monthly figures with an

average of nearly 14,700 a week.

This meant that

one new car came off the nation's production lines

every 11 seconds of the working period.

Commercial vehicle production averaged nearly 5,000 a

week.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and

Traders announced this in London last week.

Over the first quarter of the year car output at

183,000 units was up by 54,000 and commercial vehicle

production at 61,700 units was up 3,700 on the numbers

made in the first three months of last year.

Steel was generally lower.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

ALL AT SEA

THEY had been keeping an eye on Alan for some time, in the stationer's shop where he worked. The other day the manager saw enough to take action. He saw Alan ring up on the till 10s, less than he should have done.

"That's right," Alan said, when the manager tackled him. "I took ten bob. I took this too, and this." From the inside pocket of his jacket he brought a silver pencil and a diary that he had stolen.

The police were called, and it came out then that Alan had stolen other small things from the shop, to a total value of about £4.

VARIETY

AT Bow Street, next morning, Alan, a grog-looking young man, who was a Service L.C.P., pleaded guilty to the charges of theft.

A policeman went into the witness-box to tell Mr R. H. Blundell, the magistrate, what he knew of Alan's history.

It was a curious history, for Alan had tried his hand at so many things since he started work as an office boy in his Dorset home-town.

He had been a salesman and also a waiter in a seaside resort; a cook-valet in a private house, and served two spells as a steward in the Merchant Navy, before taking this last job as a shop assistant.

In each job he had done well, then, of his own accord, had left.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

"HE made a statement, sir," the officer said, and began to read to the magistrate from it.

"I'm very sorry about this, but I've been short of money since leaving the Merchant Navy last April," Alan's statement began.

"I've been living and keeping up appearances above my wages, which were £7 10s."

"The gentleman who employed him as a cook-valet is here, and would like to speak for him," the officer said.

"This man's conduct was exemplary when he was with us," Alan's late employer, a man from Surrey, said.

EVENING JOBS

"HE came to me straight from the Merchant Navy, which he left, I gathered, for health reasons. He was always exactly honest, and when he left, after 18 months, I understood he wanted to get a better job, so that he could have money to start a business of his own."

"What kind of a business?" Mr Blundell inquired.

"Something in the catering line, I gather," said the man from Surrey. "He was so anxious to make a go of it, that as well as this job in a shop, he was working as a barman in the evenings, to get capital together. Unfortunately, it didn't work out. He associated with people who spent a lot of money, and he tried to keep up with them."

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Dulles Has A Busy Programme Ahead

Washington, May 4. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, returned home tonight from the Geneva conference to face the tough job of convincing critics that the United States will not "appease" Communism in Indo-China nor rush into the war alone.

Mr Dulles plans a round of high-level conferences here tomorrow, starting with a breakfast report to President Eisenhower on the Indo-China crisis.

His return coincided with an angry charge by the Senate Republican leader, Senator William Knowland, that Britain and France "are apparently prepared to negotiate... a Far Eastern Munich" at Geneva. Senator Knowland said he would lead a Senate fight to send US armed forces to Indo-China if Mr Eisenhower decided on such action.

Mr Dulles' aides completed plans, just before the Secretary arrived, for a State Department conference tomorrow night between Mr Dulles and top Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders.

Mr Dulles was met by Vice-President Richard Nixon and other top administration aides at National Airport.

LARGE TURN-OUT The unusually large turn-out of top government officers to greet the Secretary was seen as a demonstration of administration support for him, despite his failure to win "united action" from this country's allies to meet the Indo-China crisis.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, had told a news conference earlier that the United States had done as much as it could—short of direct intervention—to help the French forces in Indo-China. He implied that any military intervention would have to be part of a united action with American allies.

At the airport, Mr Dulles declined comment on his efforts to line up support for a "united action" programme to guard Southeast Asia against further Communist aggression.

Britain has refused to go along with the programme pending the outcome of the Geneva talks, but informants said Mr Dulles was determined to press ahead with the project in talks here with foreign diplomats.

Mr Dulles said he would give Mr Eisenhower a "full report" on the Geneva conference and other diplomatic developments.

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H.H.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, "Rocky Dancer"; 6.15, "The Story of the Chinese"; 7. Selection from the Vivian Ellis Show "Tough on the Top"; 7.15, Orchestra of the West Philharmonic Orchestra; 7.30, "From America" by Alastair Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 7.35, Weather Report; 8. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.10, "New Talk" (London Relay); 8.15, Special Announcements; 8.15, "Les Baxter and his Orchestra"; 8.30, "Song of the Month"; 8.45, "Migrant Songs"; 8.55, "Migrant Songs in E Minor"; 9.00, "Nap De Killa (Violin); Alice Hehko (Piano); 9. Time Signal, Wednesday Night; 9.15, "Uncle Vanya" by Anton Chekov; 9.30, "Barbara Burnham"; Translation by Constance Garnett (BBC73); Cast: Alexander Borodov; Mercouri Kostas; 9.45, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 10.00, "Yevgeny Yuzov"; Maria Vassilieva; Vaynshteyn, Betty Hardy; Vanya, Leo; Quartermaine; 10.15, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 10.30, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 10.45, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 10.55, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 11.00, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 11.15, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 11.30, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 11.45, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 11.55, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 12.00, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 12.15, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 12.30, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 12.45, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 12.55, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 13.00, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 13.15, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 13.30, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 13.45, "The Story of the Guard Leader"; 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